been kept on State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur panel in District Jaipur when Government Hospitals are also available.

(b) the reasons for not providing such facilities in other States also;

(c) whether the employees can be reimbursed at the rate of Jaipur Nursing Hospitals/Homes in other States for all treatment including maternity/delivery etc; and

(d) the future planning on (b) and (c) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur has reported that on the demand of their recognised union, a scheme for indoor treatment of their employees was devised with limited objective to eliminate the difficulties faced by the employees in depositing the advance money with the private hospitals/ nursing homes at the time of seeking admission for indoor treatment. As per the above scheme, such type of reputed private hospitals can be approved for credit facilities at Zonal Centres. All the zones were requested to work out arrangements with the prior approval of Head Office. So far, private hospitals/nursing homes have been approved at Bikaner, Jodhpur, Udaipur and Delhi as per proposals received from respective Zonal Offices.

(c) and (d) The indoor treatment facilities are provided to staff members of the bank on credit basis and their bills being paid by the bank directly to the nursing homes/hospitals. However, reimbursement is made as per Bipartite Settlements which is equally applicable at all the centres and in all States.

Confiscation of smuggled goods

†1431. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of smuggled goods and foreign currency confiscated by the custom officials posted at defferent airports in the country during the last three years till the end of the year 2001 ;

(b) the details regarding the arrests made in this regard during the above period;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the number of officials awarded in this regards;

(d) the number of officers who have not been awarded prizes inspite of announcements for the same; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRIGINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Smuggled goods and foreign currency worth Rs. 202.43 crores have been confiscated by the Customs officials posted at different airports in the country during the last three years till the end of the year 2001.520 persons have been arrested in this connection.

(c) 'Nil', as no awards are given to Customs officials for confiscation of smuggled goods. However, rewards *{ex-gratia* payments) are given to Customs officials for seizure of contraband goods, detection of duty evasion, etc., as per reward policy framed by the Government.

(d) and (e) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Revenue collection

1432. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total collection of revenue both direct and indirect taxes during the current financial year ending June, 2002;

(b) whether it is above/below the target set in the budget;

(c) what steps are being taken to increase the tax collection across the country; and

(d) whether Government propose to bring many sections of the people into the tax bracket and if so, how it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Sir, the total collection of direct and indirect taxes upto June, 2002 during the current financial year is Rs. 39173.87 crore.

(b) The target set in the Budget is for the entire financial year 2002-2003. Hence, no comparison can be made at this stage.